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# SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS / SHES

### PRINCE HALL MASONIC LODGE COMPLEX

Still occupied by the Prince Hall Masons, the former headquarters of the SCLC.

### CARNEGIE LIBRARY (SITE)

One of several branch libraries funded by the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie.

### Mt. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH (SITE)

A major Sweet Auburn church displaced by the construction of the expressway.

# RASPBERRY ALLEY (SITE)

Representative of many small lanes in Sweet Auburn that acted as minor streets, often unpaved.

### AUBURN APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Two examples of traditional apartments that were dispersed along the Avenue; one notably constructed by local builder Alexander Hamilton and later converted to the Elks Lodge.

# HISTORIC NARRATIVE

CATALYTIC PROJECT SEVEN UNITES THE STORY OF SWEET AU-BURN'S GLORY DAYS AND DECLINE AS WELL AS UNITING THE EASTERN AND WESTERN HALVES OF THE CORRIDOR. SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC RESOURCES REMAIN AND FORM THE FOUNDATION OF THE MUSEUM COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM; MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PRINCE HALL MASONS BUILDING, BUILT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOHN WESLEY DOBBS AND LATER THE HOME OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., THE BASE FOR THE NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. YET OTHER PIECES OF SWEET AUBURN REMAIN AS MEMORIES, LIKE MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH; RASPBERRY ALLEY, ONE OF AUBURN'S 'HIDDEN' STREETS; THE CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY; AND THE PORTION OF AUBURN AVENUE DESTROYED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPRESSWAY. THE HISTORIC NARRATIVE OF PROJECT SEVEN USES THE JAR-RING PRESENCE OF THE EXPRESSWAY OVERPASS AND A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY TO FRAME THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED TO SWEET AUBURN AND THE POLITICS THAT CONSPIRED TO PRODUCE THE CHANGES.

# MASONIC LODGE CARNEGIE LIBRARY



# PROJECT AREA VIEW



Catalytic Project 7 - Cultural Arts Center *Historic Profile* 

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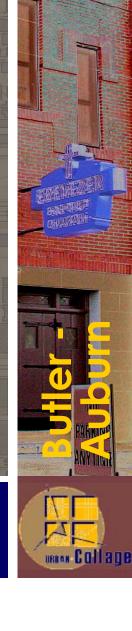


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# BUILDING ARTICULATION VIEW



# PROJECT CHARACTER



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PROJECT AREA 7:
CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Imagine Downtown envisioned the Cultural Arts Center to be a cultural anchor at Auburn Avenue's midpoint. This project is conceptualized as the physical 'link' between Sweet Auburn's civil rights history and Auburn Avenue's historical significance as an entertainment district; it incorporates a museum, performance halls and supporting administrative and back-of-house spaces. The center also integrates Dobbs Plaza into its design, rehabilitating a neglected Olympic-vintage public space into a grand entry for the main performance hall lobby. Elsewhere, the Prince Hall Masons' and SCLC Women's buildings are restored as part of a museum component that recreates in spirit the old Carnegie Library.

# PROJECT VIEW



Catalytic Project 7 - Cultural Arts Center Building Envelopes / Articulation

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### **PROJECT SUMMARY: PROGRAM and RESULTS**

### Project Area 7: Cultural Arts Center

PROGRAM COMPONENTS			ANTICIPATED SALE/RENTAL RATES										
		Market Rates				Rate for IRR			Recommended Rates				
			Per SF/Space*		Price/Rent	Afford Index		<u>Minimum</u>	E	er SF/Space*		Price/Rent	Afford Index
Multifamily Sale Units	55	\$	175.00	\$	192,500	Low	\$	138.00	\$	175.00	\$	192,500	Low
Multifamily Rental Units	+	\$	1.20	\$	1,200		\$	1.20	\$	1.20	\$	1,200	
Rehab Lofts - Sale	8	\$	150.00	\$	165,000	Mid	\$	113.00	\$	150.00	\$	165,000	Mid
Rehab Lofts - Rental	8	\$	1.20	\$	1,200		\$	1.20	\$	1.20	\$	1,200	
Retail SF	28,722	\$	22.00				\$	20.75	\$	22.00			
Office SF	167,890	\$	20.00				\$	18.75	\$	20.00			
Institutional SF	=	\$	15.00				\$	13.75	\$	15.00			
Cultural SF	141,500	\$	15.00				\$	13.75	\$	12.00			
Deck Parking Spaces*	704	\$	75.00				\$	41.75	\$	51.00			
Surface Parking Spaces*	105	\$	75.00				\$	41.75	\$	51.00			
Total Parking Spaces*	809	\$	75.00				\$	41.75	\$	51.00			

ANTICIPATED PROJECT TIMEFRAME:	4-7 Years = Mid Term
ANTICIPATED LAND COST per ACRE:	\$ 1,469,168 per Acre

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST:	\$ 60,743,603
SUPPORTABLE TAD BONDS:	\$ 5,939,725

PROJECT UNLEVERAGED INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN									
Project Return Goals		Project Component	At Mar	ket Rates	At Recommended Rates				
	Unleveraged		IRR	<b>Goal Result</b>	IRR	Goal Result			
	Return				311 374				
Minimum	10-15%	Rental Properties	12.98%	Minimum	7.67%	Minimum			
Mid	15-20%	Condo Properties	39.93%	High	39.93%	High			
High	20%+	Combo: Approach	14.96%	Mid	10.05%	Minimum			
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# PROJECT AREA 7: CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

THE RELATIVELY LOW CURRENT LAND COST, COMBINED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OFFICE PRODUCT, PROVIDES GOOD SUPPORT FOR THE MAJOR CULTURAL CENTER PLANNED FOR THIS SITE. AS WITH ALL OF THE PROJECTS ANALYZED, THIS PROJECT WORKS BEST ECONOMICALLY WITH ITS HOUSING COMPONENT BEING ALL-CONDOMINIUM. THE CENTRALIZED LOCATION WILL STRENGTHEN THE CULTURAL CENTER ITSELF, WHILE THE CULTURAL CENTER WILL PROVIDE DESTINATION APPEAL TO AREA RETAIL, AS WELL AS ADDED MARKET APPEAL FOR ITS HOUSING AND OFFICE COMPONENTS.

IF THE KEY OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE LOW-/NO-COST SPACE FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND LOW-/NO-COST PARKING FOR ITS PATRONS, THEN IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE RETAIL AND OFFICE RENTAL COMPONENTS ACHIEVE MARKET-RATE RENTS AND THAT THE REHABILITATED CONDOMINIUM UNITS ACHIEVE ABOVE-MARKET RATES. GIVEN ITS SIZE, THE OFFICE COMPONENT IS CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT'S SUCCESS IN PROVIDING NO-/LOW-COST CULTURAL ARTS CENTER SPACE.

